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Applicants : Michael J. Elliott, et al.
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For : METHODS OF PREVENTING OR TREATING THROMBOSIS
WITH TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR ANTAGONISTS

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AS A SUBMISSION WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION, AND
PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH EXTENTION OF TIME

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed as a submission with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in connection with the above-identified application. An appeal brief was originally due on December 23, 2002 in connection with this application. Applicants hereby request a five-month extension of time for filing an appeal brief. The fee for a five-month extension is \$1,980.00. A check for \$2,730.00 is enclosed, which amount includes the \$1,980.00 extension fee and the \$750.00 RCE fee. An appeal brief is now due May 23, 2003. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment and accompanying RCE, submitted in lieu of an appeal brief, are being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: